

is estimated that 10.6 million Americans took a cruise from a U.S. port in 2007. These ports include locations in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and points throughout the Caribbean. H.R. 2830 includes incident notification requirements that would enhance cruise ship security. This provision would make our ports more secure and thus more attractive to cruise ship travelers.

Enhancing Port Security has been a priority for the Homeland Security Committee and The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007 will give the Coast Guard much needed reform as well as strengthen our homeland security, protection of the marine environment and maritime safety. It reflects our commitment to improving port security.

We all remember with gratitude the stellar work of the U.S. Coast Guard during Hurricane Katrina. Were it not for them many more lives would have been lost. This bill is a down payment on the gratitude we owe them for this and their work in the waters of our Nation. I encourage my colleagues to support the bill and urge its final passage.

CONGRATULATING THE WINONA
STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S COL-
LEGE BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Winona State University Men's College Basketball team, winners of the NCAA Division 11 College Basketball Championship. A proud Warrior myself, I am honored to recognize the accomplishments of the team and its talented members, and to acknowledge the contributions they make to the University and its surrounding community.

I am especially proud of 3 Warriors from Minnesota's Sixth District: Mr. Ryan Gargaro, Mr. Travis Whipple, and Mr. Max Hintz, all of Woodbury. Their tireless hard work and dedication to their teammates and their University set a great example for all Winona State students.

Senior Ryan Gargaro and junior Travis Whipple are also to be commended for their brilliance off the court. Ryan was named to the 2005–2006 and 2006–2007 NSIC All-Academic Teams. Travis was also named to the 2006–2007 Team, and will be a key leader as he returns next season. Max Hintz is a freshman, and our eyes will be on him as he explores his great promise in the years to come.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor as a Winona State University Alum to congratulate the Men's College Basketball team on its second NCAA Division II Championship in its last 3 seasons. The contributions of its players and these Woodbury residents to the program and the greater University community will serve as a constant reminder to prospective and current students of the true pride and honor that goes in to being a Winona State Warrior.

COPPER SALMON WILDERNESS
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3513, the Copper Salmon Wilderness Act. This bill, introduced by my friend, colleague and Dean of the Oregon delegation, Mr. DeFAZIO, would set aside nearly 13,000 acres in the headwaters of the Elk River on the southern coast of Oregon, and designate more than 11 additional miles of the river as either wild or scenic under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The Copper Salmon area contains one of the Nation's largest remaining stands of low-elevation old-growth forest and in the north fork of the Elk, one of the healthiest salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout runs in the continental United States.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot talk about the health of this great river without calling attention to the fact that the Pacific Coast salmon fishermen face one of the largest salmon fishery closures ever recorded in the United States. It is legislation like this that makes us realize the importance of looking into the future and to move in a direction that not only protects the fish, but also the local economy by providing habitat for more fish to flourish and survive into adulthood.

Mr. Speaker, it was poor natural resource management that has helped to create our recent salmon disasters and this bill offers a chance to head in another direction. The Oregon delegation and their friends in California and Washington have worked hard, and worked collectively to make sure that both salmon and our fishermen are protected.

I would like to thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your assistance in the past for disaster relief funds for our 1,200 salmon fishermen. I ask that you keep a watchful eye this season as the salmon fishermen of the Pacific face another closed season, another disaster declaration, and lost revenue.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JACK B.
HOWEY

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Captain Jack B. Howey, a member of my Veterans Advisory Committee who passed away on April 14, 2008.

Captain Howey had 9 years of enlisted service and 18 years of commissioned service in the Active Duty Army, the Army Reserve and the New York Army National Guard. A veteran of the Korean War, he served as an advisor to the South Korean Army. He retired in 1974 from the 204th Engineer Battalion of the New York Army National Guard.

As the Director of the Tioga County Veterans Service Agency and as a member of my

Veterans Advisory Committee, he worked diligently to ensure that fellow veterans were getting all the benefits that they deserved in the quickest way possible. He particularly focused on ensuring that veterans had adequate transportation so that they could get to hospitals and outpatient clinics for medical treatment. He also shared his hard work with others by writing articles in the Owego Pennysaver to alert veterans of any news that might be of use to them.

Captain Howey was born on October 24, 1928 in Oneonta, New York, to the late Morris and Eva Burrell Howey. He leaves behind his wife, Audrey; sister, Maureen; son, Clark; stepdaughters Tammy and Ellen; and stepsons Mark, Tom and Henry. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Maria, Randi, Chance, Andrew, Amanda and Justin, and great-grandchildren: Christian, Justin and Shea.

He was involved in many organizations, including serving as past commander and life-long member of the Owego Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1371 and as a member of the American Legion, Quiet Birdmen, Binghams Hanger and Harris Hill Soaring Corporation. In addition to his work for veterans, Captain Howey was also an avid pilot who worked as a pilot instructor and examiner.

His exceptional dedication to veterans, as well as his own faithful service to his country and community, is to be commended. I express my deepest sympathies to Captain Howey's family, and the entire Tioga County community, for their loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF SGT. KEVIN
HALL AND THE POLICE UNITY
TOUR

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sgt. Kevin Hall of the Webster Police Department and the Police Unity Tour.

On May 9, 2008, Sgt. Hall will begin a trek to Washington, DC, consisting of 300 miles. He will stop in Liberty Park, New Jersey where he will join about 1,000 officers and continue to our Nation's capitol. The tour will finish in Washington, DC where groups from the north, south and west will converge. On Monday, May 12, the contingent of officers will bicycle to the National Law Enforcement Memorial, to honor all officers who died in the line of duty. This bicycle tour also marks the start of Law Enforcement Week.

Sgt. Kevin Hall has always strived to cheerfully serve and protect his fellow citizens and I am proud to recognize him today. I congratulate Sgt. Hall on joining this important group and I wish him the best in his training and journey. On behalf of the people of the 25th District of New York, I thank Officer Hall for his dedicated service that has been a strong pillar in the community.